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SUBJECT: INFRASTRUCUTRE SLICE XXVI SCREENING

1. NOW THAT SLICE SCREENING IS APPROACHING THIRD ROUND FOR MOST CATEGORIES WE BELIEVE IT USEFUL TO HAVE COMMON UNDERSTANDING AMONG

US LELEMENTS ON WHAT REMAINS TO BE DONE ABOUT US INTEREST PROJECTS. FOLLOWING ARE ITEMS ON WHICH COMMITTEE HAS NOT TAKEN FINAL ACTIO:

A. AIRFIELDS.

- (1) SERIAL 52. SHAPE HAS SUBMITTED NEW DESCRIPTION WITH NOT THAT US IS TO JUSTIFY ITEM $\,$ 14E(DS/973).
- (2) SERIAL 54. SHAPE IS TO PROPOSE REVISED PROJECT DESCRIPTION (DS/973).
- (3) SERIAL 69. SHAPE WITHDREW SUPPORT ON BASIS THAT MINIMUM MILITARY REQUIREMENT IS FOR AN EMERGENCY RUNWAY ONLY (DS/973). CONFIDENTIAL

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- (4) SERIAL 74. NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF WAS TO MAKE ON-SITE INSPTECTION DURING JUNE (DS/973).
- (5) SERIALS 124 AND 129. SHAPE CONTINUES TO SUPPORT AS UPGRADING

AND IS NEGOTIATING WITH NATO INTERNATIONAL SRAFF.

B. NAVAL BASESS SERIAL 211.STILL BEING NEGOTIATED BY ITALY AND SHAPE ON BASIS OF INTERNATIONAL STAFF COMMENTS RE COLOCATION AND SLICE XXV FORACS (DS/973).

C. FORWARD STORAGE SITES. SERIALS 334, 244A AND B, 337-2 AND 3, 337A, 342B AND C. GERMANY TO PROVIDE ESTIMATED DATES OF COMPLETION (EDCS).

- 2. IN GENERAL, WE BELIEVE THE US HAS FARED WELL IN SLICE XXVI, CONSIDERING THE SEVERE FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS UNDER WHICH MNCS MUST OPERATE FOR THIS AND SUBSEQUENT SLICES. EVEN THE BROAD CUTBACKS IN SLICE XXVI PROJECTS WHICH MNCS IMPOSED ON BASIS OF THEIR FIVE-YEAR PLAN REVIEW HAVE LEFT KEY US PROJECTS LARGELY UNTOUCHED. (DETAILED ANALYSIS OF FIVE-YEAR REVIEW PROVIDED SEPTEL).
- 3. SINCE CINCEUR AND US COMMAND STAFFS ARE WORKING MORE DIRECTLY WITH HOST COUNTRIES AND MNCS ON OUTSTANDING SLICE XXVI US PROJECTS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY UPDATING OR CORRECTION OF INFORMATION SUPPLIED AT PARA 1 ABOVE. THIS WOULD ALSO ASSIST OUR EFFORTS TO COMPLETE SCREENING BEFORE THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE SUSPENDS FOR SUMMER RECESS END JULY. BRUCE

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